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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1595

**DATE:** December 23, 2015

**TO:** All Iowa Medicaid Nursing Facilities

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Nursing Facility Rate Rebase Time Line

On December 11, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-008. This SPA detailed the inflation factor used in calculating nursing facility rates for the rebase effective July 1, 2015.

The inflation factor was calculated to ensure that estimated spending does not exceed the amount appropriated in Senate File 505 (SF 505). Along with the updated inflation, cost information has also been updated to use calendar year 2014 data in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code (IAC). SF 505 also directed the department to update the quality assurance assessment fee (QAAF) model.

Rate information including the updated QAAF, will be mailed and claims processed for facilities that have received a 2014 Per Diem Summary by December 31, 2015, on the time line below. Facilities that have not received a 2014 Per Diem Summary prior to December 31, 2015, will have their rate information mailed and claims processed within 15 days of the date of Per Diem Summary letter.

At this time, decisions on the timing and manner of recoupment of additional QAAF have not been determined. An additional informational letter will be forthcoming detailing that information. Below is the time frame for which rate updates and claims will be mailed and processed:

Rate Effective Dates	Action	Date(s) Completed
July 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015	Rates mailed	January 4 – 8, 2016
July 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015	Payment system updated	January 11 – 15, 2016
July 1, 2015	Rates available to MCOs	January 8, 2016
July 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015	Reprocess of claims	January 25 - February 22, 2016
January 1, 2016	Rates mailed	January 18 – 22, 2016
January 1, 2016	Payment system updated	January 25 – 29, 2016

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